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Advent Tea

'Glory to God in the Highest!'

Luke 2:13&14 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Please join us for our annual Advent Tea!

When: **Sunday, December 8, 2024**

3:30 Punch and gathering time

4:00 Program with lunch following

Where: **Little Elk Creek Church**

We are excited to welcome the 'Lyster Sisters' for our musical Advent Program-'*Glory to God in the Highest!!*' The Lyster Sisters are a singing group from the Lyster/Urne area.

They will warm our hearts with delightful Christmas music, preparing us for the holy Christmas season ahead. We have a hostess opportunity for you!

Please contact Lynne Quilling to do so and to let us know you're coming!

Lynne Quilling 715.664.8174 or 715.505.6878



'T'was The Night Before Christ's Birth'

Little Elk Creek Sunday School Program

The Sunday Schoolers look forward to telling the Christmas story:

Sunday, December 15th

During worship service at 9:00.

Annual Kids with Santa, Open House & Silent Auction



Come have your picture with Santa and enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and cider and a treat bag for the little ones.

Sunday, December 1, 2024

from 11:00 – 1:00 at the

Downsville Community Museum

We will also be holding a Silent Auction of creative holiday crafts, decorations, baked goodies trays and other items on display at the Downsville Community Museum from 11:00 - 1:00. (If you are interested in creating an item for the Holiday Silent Auction, please contact one of our committee members). Bid sheets for each item will be available on that day.

Again, this year there will be Santa's Mailbox outside the Louisville Post Office located next to the museum where you can mail your letters to Santa. If you don't get your letter to Santa completed prior to December 1, you will have the opportunity to complete it and mail it up until December 24.

Thank you to the Thrivent Action Team program for helping sponsor this event.



November
2024

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Secretary email: nhlecsec@wwt.net
Pastor Judy Kincaid email: jkincaid001@luthersem.edu
Pastor Cell: 906-399-1387

November
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Dear New Hope and Little Elk Creek,
It is almost time for Thanksgiving again! It is the time we express our thankfulness to God. The Bible reminds us often of this truth; "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." and "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." But have you thought about *why* we should be thankful to God? It isn't just for God. It is for you!

Expressing your thanks to our creator is one of the most powerful things you can do to improve your own attitude. It makes the good times even sweeter and it takes away some of the bitterness from the bad times. Being thankful makes you fix your eyes on God rather than on yourself. It lifts your mind off your troubles and anxieties and reminds you that God will always provide for you, and that "for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

I challenge you to count your blessings every day this November. It will lift your spirits and center your attention on what really matters. We have been given so much! It feels good to reach out to God in prayer and say thanks. Attend worship with your church family and be a Godly example to your community and your family. Attend our special joint Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Eve and have fun, fellowship, and pie! It feels right to come to God's house and show that we are grateful children of a loving parent and not spoiled kids who take our blessings for granted.

I am thankful for the people of New Hope and Little Elk Creek, especially the ones who I have gotten to know at worship and church council. The church could not exist without those who volunteer, attend, and give faithfully. I am blessed and lucky to be your pastor!

See You in Church, Pastor Judy



Give Thanks, Help the Youth, Eat Pie!

Mark your calendars for our joint Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 pm. We will be at LEC this year. The confirmation class will be serving pie, coffee, and hot chocolate in exchange for a free will offering. **Thanks in advance for praising God and supporting our youth. See You in Church, Pastor Judy**

There are two lawn chairs left behind from the outdoor Fish Farm church service in the NH Narthex. Also a black lawn chair was left at Elaine Hilmanowski's from Downsville day. Please Call the Church office if these are your chairs. Thanks

The Women of LEC have been busy again this past year.

We have completed: 236 quilts, 105 school kits, 3 baptismal quilts, 194 quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief, 21 donated to Sleep In Heavenly Peace, 4 given to various benefits, 1 given as a comfort quilt & 8 sold.

We thank everyone who has contributed to our projects this year, including the New Hope women who join us on our Wednesday quilting days and Tim Rivard for delivering our quilts and school kits to the Ingathering site in Eau Claire. We are excited to start work on our projects for the coming year and invite anyone to join us or just stop by on a Wednesday for coffee and fellowship! We would also like to thank those who donated Thrivent Dollars to help with purchasing batting for our quilts and supplies for the school kits.



Many hours in negotiations were spent working on getting the deposit back from the contractor who was supposed to do the steeple work on LEC Church. I am so grateful to Jeff Abbott, Eldon, and especially Carrie Cook who worked so hard on this. I enjoyed our adventure to the big city!

New Hope's W/ELCA Meeting on November 9th will be at 10am instead of 9am.

		Confirmation Corner		
		November regular class at LEC for the 6th, 13th, and 20th.		
		Joint Thanksgiving service on the 27th. Each confirmation student should bring one pie. Arrive at 6:30.		



A note from the secretary's desk - I have begun working on the worship helper lists for 2025.

Firstly, I want to thank EVERYONE who has been a helper in the past! You all help worship run smoothly. Please let me know if you are willing to be a reader, usher, cantor, videographer or communion glass washer. We can always use more volunteers to assist at both churches. I hope to hear from some new volunteers!

Dianne

Gifts – Brenda Steinberger Financial Sec. NH

9-29-2024 \$230.00 General
10-06-2024 \$1741.00 General
10-13-2024 \$1300.00 General, \$200.00 LWR Domestic Hurricane
10-20-2024 \$2155.00 General, \$100.00 LWR Domestic Hurricane

Attendance

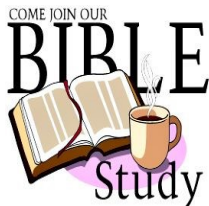
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Gifts – Nikki Turner Financial Sec. LEC

9-29-2024 \$781.00 General
10-06-2024 \$565.00 General
10-13-2024 \$1105.00 General
10-20-2024 \$885.00 General, \$50.00 Hurricane Relief

Attendance

31
32
38
43



COME JOIN OUR BIBLE FAITH BIBLE STUDY is taking a break Nov.- Jan. We will resume February 4 and continue to meet the 1st Tuesday of the month in the church basement. We are starting a new 9-session study, "Come, Holy Spirit!", a Bible Study on the Third Person of the Trinity. All are welcome to join us and if you would like to order a study the cost will be approx. \$13. I will order these in early January, so please call me at 715-235-7491 by January 6, 2025 to place an order. Marlene Lee

Here are three great opportunities to follow Jesus' command to help the less fortunate. Pastor Judy has 10 satchels she would like people to pick up and fill. She will make sure they get to Seafarers International House. Please return them to her by Dec. 1st. You may bring items for Bridge to Hope and Pastor will drop them off. **For nearly 40 years The Bridge to Hope of Dunn & Pepin Counties** has provided shelter, support, information and referrals to those effected by domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. And Finally Hurricane relief - donate money to Hurricane victims in South Carolina and Florida.



Seafarers International House

90% of global trade is transported on the world's oceans by crew members on container ships who remain invisible to most people, yet our supply chains depend on their services and sacrifice of being at sea for months

on end. Seafarers are often overworked and lonely. We invite you, your business, school group or congregation to spread the joy of Christmas among those who will not be home with their loved ones. Our port chaplains deliver satchels filled with gifts. Mariners regardless of their faith or nationality will receive satchels filled with:
One Sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded (size M-L-XL)

- Three Pairs of Socks – thermal or gym
 - One T- Shirt (size M-L-XL)
 - One Knitted Winter Cap (coordinating scarf optional; no pastels please)
 - One Can of Nuts, Large Bar of Chocolate, or Health Snack Bar
- A Holiday or Christmas Card from YOU!

You pick the colors, styles and brands, but please no substitutions from the list. For the safety of seafarers, please do not add fringes or pom-poms to the hats and scarves. The Christmas-at-Sea satchels should be comparable for each member of the crew. Please assemble each satchel with sweatshirts and T-shirts of the same size and label the satchel with a M, L, or XL on the back side.



WE ARE IN NEED OF THESE ITEMS:

Scan here for our Amazon Wish List



- Phone chargers
- Gas Cards
- Furnace filters: 16x20x1 & 20x25x1
- Baby Monitors
- Shampoo, conditioner and body wash (full size)
- Bath towels and washcloths
- Deodorant
- Hairbrushes, combs
- Nail clippers
- Tampons
- Stamps
- Toys/items for preteens and teens (RC cars, art sets, etc.)
- Tissues
- Dish soap, dishwasher pods
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Cleaning supplies
- Pillows
- Lotion
- Chapstick
- Baby Wipes

Hurricane Help



Our brothers and sisters in Christ are hurting after back-to-back hurricanes in S. Carolina and Florida. Let's show our love and faith by giving. Lutheran World Relief is there now distributing quilts and kits to residents who lost everything. They are also sending cash grants to distribute food, water and other urgently needed supplies to provide comfort and dignity to families during their time of need. You can help by putting an extra offering in the plate. Your check or envelope should be marked "Domestic hurricane relief." This effort will continue until Thanksgiving eve service. Save your change and bring it to church on Nov. 17th when the children will be collecting a noisy offering. We will be joining forces with Spirit Lutheran Foundation out of Eau Claire. They will be matching all funds collected from the community, dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.00. The Foundation will not have any administrative expenses taken out of the gifts they receive. The collective gifts will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, which is part of the ELCA, and they have assured us that 100% of the funds they receive will be used for Hurricane Relief, without any administrative fees from the ELCA.

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New Hope Church Council Meeting - October 10th, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President RJohn Steinberger, also present; Paul Jacobson, Wally Cutler, Frank Schneider, Jane Hulett, Ron Cutler, Jeff Pickerign, Sandy McNaughton, Pastor Judy and Linda Roth.

Secretary's report was read MMSC to approve. Treasurer's report was given by Wally, MMSC to approve.

Property & Grounds; the mailbox for the church, the folding doors and shingles for the little shed are all pending. Steve Bates and Ron will clean the AC Units. The bathrooms at the parsonage need fans installed. Dianne will call Hurlburt's on how to get heat to the back bedrooms. Life & Mission; Would like to promote LWR-Domestic relief for the victim of recent hurricanes in NC & FL. This can be on-going at least thru Thanksgiving.

Youth & Ed; Two youth went fishing. The committee members are not getting responses to text. The Haunted House trip may not happen. Pastor's report; Pastor hosted the pastors of the Chippewa Valley conference at NH - Lunch at Scatterbrain, Confirmation class has 5 boys & 1 girl. NH has 1 girl getting confirmed this year. Service at Eat My Fish went well. Lots of people helped everything run smoothly. Pastor would like to fence part of the yard at the parsonage for Lassie. She will cover the cost. Any ideas on who she should call?

Old Business: Mailbox pending. Dianne has done some "cleaning out" of the vault.

Motion made by Paul seconded by Ron to adjourn. We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Roth, Secretary

LITTLE ELK CREEK COUNCIL MEETING

October 17th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President, Eldon Hilson.

Members Present: Eldon Hilson, Clifford Lee, Bonnie Rivard, Lexi Skillings, Wyatt Kreutzer, Jeff Abbott, Carrie Cook, Tonia Miller, Jim Birthman, and Pastor Judy. Also in attendance, Thrivent representative Paul Dean. Absent: Nikki Turner

We opened the meeting with a current update of our Thrivent investment by Paul Dean. He explained that our percentage of stocks to bonds is a medium risk investment, which we decided to continue.

Secretary's report was read. Motion made by Wyatt Kreutzer and seconded by Lexi Skillings to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion made by Jeff Abbott and seconded by Wyatt Kreutzer to approve. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: Confirmation has started. There are five boys and one girl in class. Three of the students are from LEC. One LEC student will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday. The joint service at the trout farm was well received. Pastor encourages everyone to invite friends and family who have not been to church in a while to attend with them, Halloween at church, Reformation Sunday, or All Saints Day.

Old Business: Front steps project has been put off until next spring. Steeple project is on hold. Reasons for the delay will be explained at our annual meeting in January. A motion was made by Jeff Abbott and seconded by Jim Birthman, to give Eldon authority to file in small claims court, against BA Roofing, for a NSF check and a 5% difference on a second check that cleared. Motion carried.

New Business: We discussed different ways to make home visits to members who can't attend church because of illness or age-related problems. If you know someone who would like a visit, let Pastor Judy know. She's ready to go!

Halloween at Church Oct 20th 9:00 am

Reformation Sunday, Confirmation and First Communion Oct 27th 9:00 am

A motion was made by Wyatt Kreutzer and seconded by Lexi Skillings to adjourn. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clifford L. Lee Secretary

LEC WLECA Meeting 10-16-2024

President Roxane Schaefer opened the meeting in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We recited the Purpose Statement

Secretary Report was read, one correction: We gave 6 quilts to Graduates instead on one. Vickie Price made a motion to accept report. Dottie Hayden seconded it.

Treasurer Report was read and accepted after correction Phyllis Parish made a motion to accept. Marlene Lee seconded it.

Dottie gave a report on where our quilts went this year: 236 Quilts were made, they went to Lutheran World Relief, Graduates, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, comfort quilts, 8 were sold, proceeds to help with shipping costs. Thrivent cards were used to purchase batting for the quilts. Talked about sending all the quilts to LWR or some other organization next year?? Tim Rivard transported them to be shipped for us. The quilters also put together 105 School Kits that were also shipped to Lutheran World Relief.

Old business: Since the last meeting in March we have had the Thrift Sale, Ice Cream Social at the Band Concert, Luther Park Retreat with a good speaker, Ukuleles, and wine! Day of Renewal, and a successful Fall Supper. We discussed what we might try next year to improve attendance. Maybe a different night? Food was delicious and we made \$2000.00 + from ticket sales, 121 adult tickets, 4 6 and under kids and 3 6-12 kids, donations and the bake table.

Vickie found aprons for the Church Basement Ladies to wear when we are serving outside (band concert) and inside the church. We will have something stitched on them by Sue Kern, something with JOY!

New Business: The Advent Tea will be Dec 8 at 4:00, If you are interested in being a Hostess, please let Lynne know as soon as possible.

The Lyster Sisters, Music group will be doing the program. We will have 4 Quilts on display at the Quilt Tour at Our Saviors on Nov 9 from 9:30 to 3:30, proceeds will go to Bridge to Hope. There will be a baking day on Dec 14. We talked about Pest Control, will check with Council to see if they plan to continue.

A motion was made to adjourn by Dottie and seconded by Ronna. Roxane gave the Thank Offering Program and we took the Thank Offering, \$175.00 + Coins. Bread Basket offering \$48.00.

Delicious lunch served by Brenda and Lynne.

Phyllis Parish, Secretary